

Copies of letters from Sir Patrick Manson (1899 and 1900) and General Gorgas (1914) to Sir Ronald Ross regarding his Discovery of the Connection between Malaria and certain Mosquitoes in 1897 to 1899.

(THE ORIGINALS OF THESE LETTERS ARE IN THE ROSS ARCHIVES.)

Copy of letter from Sir Patrick Manson to Sir Ronald Ross in 1899, after Sir Ronald's return to England from India.

21, QUEEN ANNE STREET,
CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.

July 3rd, 1899.

MY DEAR ROSS,

I fear you won't get much from the Foreign or Colonial Office. I don't know about the India Office, although I should think they would be inclined in this way to recognise what you have done for them and to make up as it were for their scurvy acknowledgment of your work. It would be a pity if Austen can't accompany you. Stir them up through the press.

Nuttall lunched with us on Friday. He half expected to meet you in London. He told me all about Koch and his nasty ways. Nuttall's address would be care of Sims Woodhead, Cambridge.

Many thanks for the very generous way you have recognised my small part in the malaria business. It is much more than I deserved. My only claim is that, in a measure, I discovered you.

Another letter from Daniels. He is doing something and I have no doubt will do more. The other commissioners don't seem to think their opportunities sufficient. I wonder if they expect to find men dying of blackwater all round them.

Daniels thinks the place an excellent one for work, as beyond malaria the diseases are few and therefore the problem is less complicated.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) PATRICK MANSON.



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*Copy of letter from Sir Patrick Manson to Sir Ronald Ross in 1900,
after Sir Ronald's return from Freetown (1st visit).*

21, QUEEN ANNE STREET,
CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.

March 16th, 1900.

MY DEAR ROSS,

Many thanks for your reprint from the Medical Annual. It is a first-class piece of work, and I am very grateful to you for the full justice and more than justice you have done me as regards my very small share in the mosquito-malaria theory. You have assessed the Italian and Koch share in the matter very correctly and I hope settled the historical part of the discovery for good and all.

You may have seen from the papers that I had a lecture at the Colonial Institute on Tuesday. The debate after the paper was amusing in the extreme. There are still doubters and still believers in blue mists.

I have not been able to get to the Colonial Office this week, but next week mean to have an afternoon there, when I shall find out about the number of your pamphlets they are likely to require. I think you should make the alteration, or something like them. I suggested as (? that) if the Colonial Office take it up it would be well to have it as nearly perfect and practical as you can get it. Daniels has recently sent me some slides of his anopheles with zygotes. They are quite convincing. I am circulating them among the members of the malaria commission. Lister saw them to-day and is convinced.

I am beastly busy with my second edition and distracted with proofs and cuts and the rest of it. How I do hate book-making.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) PATRICK MANSON.

Copy of letter from General Gorgas to Sir Ronald Ross in 1914.

HYDE PARK HOTEL,
KNIGHTSBRIDGE,
LONDON, ENGLAND.

March 23rd, 1914.

MY DEAR SIR RONALD,

Before leaving England I wish to express to you the debt of gratitude we all feel to you for the great work you have done in the field of Tropical Medicine. As you are aware Malaria was the great disease that incapacitated the working forces at Panama before our day. If we had known no more about the sanitation of Malaria than the French did, I do not think that we could have done any better than they did. Your discovery that the mosquito transferred the malaria parasite from man to man has enabled us at Panama to hold in check this disease, and to eradicate it entirely from most points on the Isthmus where our forces were engaged.

It seems to me not extreme, therefore, to say that it was your discovery of this fact that has enabled us to build the Canal at the Isthmus of Panama.

As this is an expression of my personal opinion as to the great value your important work has been to us in sanitation at Panama, you are at liberty to use this letter in any way you please.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) W. C. GORGAS.

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